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NEWS & UPDATES:

New Feature on the Agency's Website: *Let's Talk Education*

Audience: All

We recently launched a new feature, [Let's Talk Education](#). This month we are spotlighting VT standards - specifically the Common Core. We asked the field and Agency staff to discuss the instructional shifts, what the standards are and why they are necessary. [Click here](#) to read what the field has to say.

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Academic Review for Administrators (formerly Transcript Review for Administrators)

Audience: Education Leadership Programs and Aspiring Administrators

This is a reminder to applicants for Academic Review for administrative endorsements that as of January 1, 2014, the Licensing Office will only conduct Academic Reviews for candidates who have successfully completed 9 credits (out of the 18 minimum required) in education leadership. Applicants who apply prior to completing at least 9 credits will not be reviewed and will forfeit the \$40 Academic Review fee. [Click here](#) to read the December 23, 2013 memo.

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Luke Foley & Katie Sedore Honored by Legislature

Audience: All

[Click here](#) to read the resolution congratulating Luke Foley on being named the 2014 VT Teacher of the Year. [Click here](#) to read the resolution congratulating Katie Sedore on receiving the 2013 VT Milken Educator Award. [Click here](#) to learn more about Vermont's educator awards.

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Seeking Nominations for the Vermont Educator Talent Pool: Kindergarten – 5th Grade Educators

Audience: All

Deadline: June 30, 2014

Do you know a relatively new educator who exemplifies our State's and the Nation's best? Whose lessons provide models for others? Who has distinguished him/herself, and is exceedingly innovative and skilled at inspiring students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn? [Click here](#) to fill out the nomination form. Learn more about the talent pool here: <http://bit.ly/1mZCakW>.

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Agency of Education: New Contact Info

Audience: All

- 219 N Main Street, Suite 402, Barre, VT 05641 (physical & mailing address)
- 802-479-1030 (main number)
- 802-479-1700 (educator quality/licensing)
- 802-479-1255 (special education)
- 802-479-1111 (legal)

Check out the Agency's "Contact Us" page for more information: <http://education.vermont.gov/contact>.

AOE Communication

Audience: All

Our press releases, field memos, calendar of events, and more are online: <http://bit.ly/11ajrth>. View our strategic plan here: <http://bit.ly/1cZbMBP>. Connect with the AOE on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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LEGISLATIVE & REQUIRED ACTIONS:

Supplemental Education Services 2013-2014-Survey

Audience: Superintendents, Principals, Curriculum Coordinators

Deadline: June 3, 2014

[Supplemental Educational Services](#) (SES) are additional academic instruction outside the school day or during the summer designed to increase the academic achievement of students in Title I schools in the second year of School Improvement and in Corrective Action or Restructuring. All schools that are required to offer SES must complete the end of the year survey: <http://bit.ly/1qlA7XH>.

Contact: Carol Duley, SES Coordinator, 802-479-1279 or carol.duley@state.vt.us

GRANTS & RFPs:

Early Education Initiative (EEI) Grants Technical Assistance

Audience: SU/SD/Community Childcare Center and preschools, registered family providers, tax exempt organizations serving children and families and public agencies such as Head Start and parent-child centers

There will be a brief online walkthrough of the EEI application materials on 4/14 or 4/23, please register for one of the sessions here: <http://bit.ly/1hChlUT>. To participate you need access to a computer, iPad, or other electronic device. Once you have registered, an email will be sent to you with specific directions to the meeting. Learn more about the EEI grant application: <http://bit.ly/1mYmLBr>.

Contact: Jackie Sprague, Early Education Coordinator, 802-479-1142 or jackie.sprague@state.vt.us

WEBINARS, CONFERENCES, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Save the Date: Developing and Implementing Personalized Learning Plans in Vermont's Schools "This Time It's Personal"

Audience: High School Principals, Superintendents, Tech Ed Directors, Guidance Directors

This 3-day Castleton State College Summer Institute (August 11-13, 2014) will examine strategies and practices that support the development and implementation of Personalized Learning Plans (PLPs) and will showcase exemplary initiatives happening in some of Vermont's schools that provide students with unique opportunities for learning. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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STANDARDS & ASSESSMENTS:



Common Core State Standards (CCSS): Resources on the AOE Website

Audience: All

Check out our Common Core website, we add new resources on a weekly basis: <http://bit.ly/1m9D7b4>. [Click here](#) to learn more about CCSS ELA. [Click here](#) to learn more about CCSS Mathematics.

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Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

Audience: All

Learn more about DLM here: <http://bit.ly/1g80awP>.

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Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS): Weekly FAQ

Audience: All

What is the difference between the Common Core State Standards for Literacy in Science and the NGSS? [Click here](#) to see the answer. [Click here](#) to access the science standards.

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Smarter Balanced Field Test Off to a Good Start

Audience: All

Field-testing of the new Smarter Balanced Assessment began on March 24, and by April 4, Vermont students had started 6,438 tests and completed 5,916 (92%). The [27 participating VT schools](#) are helping to ensure that the test not only provides rigorous and common core aligned test questions but works for a wide range of students and technologies. [Click here](#) to read observations from school visits.

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OTHER EDUCATION NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS:

Reminder: Application for Student Membership on the Vermont State Board of Education (SBE)

Audience: All

Deadline: May 2, 2014

Governor Shumlin's office is seeking applications for student membership on the SBE. This opportunity is open to Vermont secondary students who will graduate in 2016 or later. The term is for a two-year membership on the SBE. [Click here](#) to learn more and view the application.

Contact: Susan Spaulding, Governor Shumlin's Office, 802-828-3333 or susan.spaulding@state.vt.us

Mark Your Calendars for Vermont's Second Annual Walk & Roll to School Day: May 7th

Audience: All

Deadline: April 30, 2014

This year Vermont Safe Routes to School ([VT SRTS](#)) is partnering up with VTAHPERD and AARP to include walkers of all ages! Please help us keep up with all of the exciting activities across the state and gain access to incentive items by registering your school's event here: <http://bit.ly/1ebuMA3>.

Contact: Abby Mattera, VT Safe Routes to School, 802-598-8651 or abby@saferoutesvt.org

Fourth Annual Rowland Foundation Conference for Vermont Educators

Audience: All

Rowland's annual conference will be held on October 30, 2014 at UVM; registration will open in May. Angela Duckworth will be the keynote speaker; watch her TED Talk here: <http://bit.ly/OWDnf6>. Learn more about the Rowland Foundation here: therowlandfoundation.org.

Contact: Margie Malko, Rowland Foundation, 802-824-6400 or mmalko@therowlandfoundation.org

USDA Bi-Monthly Webinar Series

Audience: All Interested in Farm to School

From January to June 2014, the USDA Farm to School Program will host two webinars per month on various aspects of local procurement. The webinars will be held at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, and will include guest speakers from state agencies and school districts. For more information and to register, please visit the [webinar series website](#).

Contact: Johanna Heron, VT Agency of Agriculture, 802-828-2430 or johanna.herron@state.vt.us

This Field Memo is posted weekly by the Vermont Agency of Education (VT-AOE) to better organize our e-communications to the field. There may be times when separate messages from the Agency will still be sent. In addition, the VT-AOE Weekly Field Memo is [archived](#) on the Agency of Education website. For information which is three months or older, or for other questions, please contact Angela Ross, Public Information Officer, at (802) 479-1240 or angela.ross@state.vt.us.

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